



CIRCULAR H48/2020

TO: DDG: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

CHIEF DIRECTORS; DIRECTORS; HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

MANAGER: CAPE MEDICAL DEPOT

HEAD OF HEALTH: CITY OF CAPE TOWN

RESPONSIBLE PHARMACIST: CHRONIC DISPENSING UNIT

N.B. FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND NURSING PERSONNEL

ACCEPTANCE OF SHORT-DATED STOCK OF MEDICINE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, medicine supply is under tremendous pressure. This may be attributed to the increase in global demand, the universal lack of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API's) which were primarily manufactured in China, as well as lockdown in key pharmaceutical manufacturing countries.

The Cape Medical Depot will therefore accept short-dated stock from suppliers to supplement the provincial requirements until normal supplies have stabilized. Short-dated stock will be supplied with a 'Stock Protection Letter' from the supplier to allow for the return and reimbursement of stock which may expire.

Demanders are requested:

1. To place sensible orders for medicine which they will be able to use up within three months.
2. To accept stock with a four month expiry date. Facilities will not be phoned to verify whether short dated stock may be issued.
3. To ensure that strict "First Expired, First Out (FEFO)" principals are applied when issuing stock.
4. In the event that the short-dated medicines do expire, to make timeous arrangements with the CMD for upliftment.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

MS K LOWENHERZ

DIRECTOR: PHARMACY SERVICES

DATE: 02/04/20